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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 795
By Bone

A RESOLUTION to commend Mary T. Bunish for her honorable
and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Mary T. Bunish is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bunish is a highly respected member of the Mt. Juliet community; she moved to Tennessee in June of 1991 after her husband's retirement from United Airlines in Savannah, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, she has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, since moving to Tennessee, she has been highly active in activities that benefit her fellow citizens, including our state's youth and senior citizens and all between those groups; and

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WHEREAS, she began volunteer work at the local Senior Center in 1992, serving as a desk volunteer four days per month, and she has been involved in all Senior Center fundraisers for the past ten years; and

WHEREAS, for many years, she has picked up bread and sweets from Kroger twice a week to benefit the Mt. Juliet Senior Center and Wilson County Youth Ranch, and she also made all of the curtains for the boys' bedrooms at the Ranch; and

WHEREAS, a talented seamstress, she is a member of the Music City Quilters Guild, making and donating quilts for inner city school children; she also makes pillows for cancer patients and has donated some of her quilts to the Rotary Club, the Mt. Juliet Senior Citizens Center, and the Mt. Juliet Elementary School for fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, possessing a deep love for our state's young people, she has devoted countless hours and much effort for their benefit, including donating her support to the building of the Mt. Juliet Kids' Planet Playground; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bunish has an uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; she is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly; and

WHEREAS, for four years, she has worked with Room at the Inn at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, cooking and serving meals to the homeless; and

WHEREAS, Mary Bunish epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated community servant and reliable friend and neighbor in Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bunish is devoted to perpetuating the highest ideals of family and community values, and she cherishes the deep love and companionship she shares with her husband, John; and

WHEREAS, she is wholly committed to the noble precepts that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Mrs. Mary T. Bunish for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and salute her unswerving commitment to bettering the lives of all those around her.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express to her our best wishes for much continued happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.